

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF UTAH. }
County of Salt Lake } ss.

Shana D. Conaty

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
in and for the STATE OF UTAH

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

NO. ACT-021-004

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF THE NOTICE OF
INTENT AND RECLAMATION PLAN SUBMITTED BY
RANCHERS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPO-
RATION IRON COUNTY, UTAH

THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS
OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS,
AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN
TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 17 WEST, SLBM, IRON
COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given that tentative approval was given
by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, on September
27, 1979, to Ranchers Exploration and Development Corpora-
tion, 1776 Montano Rd., N.W., Box 6217, Albuquerque, New
Mexico 87107, to commence pilot underground mining opera-
tions for Silver ore in portions of Section 2, Township 36 South,
Range 17 West, Iron County, Utah. The name of the mine is
the Escalante Silver Mine, and the person representing the
company in this matter is Mr. Mark Welch, Chief Engineer,
Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation, 1776
Montano Rd., N.W., Box 6217, Albuquerque, New Mexico
87107.

Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation has
fulfilled obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation
Act of 1975 (Section 40-8, U.C.A., 1953, as amended), and will
employ the following reclamation techniques on approxima-
tely 12 acres of leased claims.

During Operations:

1. Access will be via existing roads to the mine area. Sev-
eral short access roads in the mine area will be construct-
ed.
2. Mining will be conducted in a safe, orderly, and work-
man like manner.
3. Dewatering of the mine workings will be done using
Five vertical turbine pumps. The mine water will be
pumped via pipeline to a natural recharge point for Shoal
Creek at a rate of approximately 11,000 gallons/min.
4. Several additional buildings will be constructed or sited.

After operations:

1. The operator has committed to comply with all applica-
ble reclamation standards adopted under the Utah Mined
Land Reclamation Act.
2. Buildings, trash and debris will be removed and the
portals will be sealed.
3. The disturbed surfaces will be harrowed, broadcast
seeded with a diverse seed mixture, and reseeded if neces-
sary.

Reclamation performance surety will be established upon
final approval of the mining and reclamation plan.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision
is hereby requested to submit written protest within 30 days of
November 1, 1979, to the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, 1588
West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116, setting forth
factual reasons for his complaint, and thereafter at a time and
place heretofore established, appear before the Board of Oil,
Gas, and Mining to show cause, if any there be, why this plan
should not be approved.

DATED this 25th day of October, 1979.

STATE OF UTAH
BOARD OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING
SANDY PEREZ
for THALIA R. BUSBY
Secretary to the Board

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That the legal notice of which a copy is attached hereto

Pub order to show cause #ACT-021-004 (Ranchers
Exploration & Development Corp.)

was published in said newspapers on Nov. 1, 1979

Shana D. Conaty
Legal Advertising Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of
Nov. A.D. 1979

Robert J. Harding
Notary Public

My Commission Expires

June 1, 1981



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Attorney